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Choice Poetry.

THE BETTER THOUGHT.

The Better Thought! how oft in days
When youthful passion lived my bosom,
And drove me into devious ways,
Did at them my wandering steps arrest,
And, whispering gently in mine ear,
Those angel warnings, tangle with love,
Check for the time my mad career,
And melt the heart that else could move!

Those was no stern and harsh rebuke,
No "Dared's advice," no true, no cold,
But message wise, such as in book,
Or by the teacher oft is told.
Which, like the gentlest snow, falls,
And rugs perhaps with hollow sound,
But ne'er the wanderer recalls,
And never affects the hearing wound.

The voice was gentle, winning, mild;
The words told then were fraught above,
Like those with which the way ward child
Is wooed by a fond mother's love;
Or like a strain of music stealing
Across the vision and emotive ear,
Which moves the heart of sternest feeling,
And wakes its deeper harmonies.

Sweet was thy presence, welcomed guest,
And I, responsive to thy call,
Arose, and left within my breast
A power that made the fetters fall
From off my long enthralled soul,
And woke, as with a magic spell,
Feelings which yet caused the will control
Of hopes that all might still be well.

But ah, those waist an injured guest!
How soon departed, soon forgot,
Were all the hopes of coming rest
That clustered round the Better Thought!
The weaker grade, the firm resolves,
The yearnings after holier days,
That I assured enlight which dissolves,
And leaves no traces of its rays!

Let I despair not—through the night
That long has reigned will tyrant sway,
I'm sure I see the coming light,
The harbinger of coming day.
To Heaven I now direct my prayer,
Oh, God of love, forsake me not!
Grant that my waywardness may never
Quench the returning Better Thought!

Original Novelet.

THE CURSE OF CLIFTON.

A TALE OF

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CHAPTER XXXVI.

THE NIGHT JOURNEY.

The heart must broken by the loved,
Is strong to meet the foemen.
—Mrs. Hemans.

Nearly a fortnight of extreme anxiety passed away during which Catherine heard nothing from her messenger. On the evening of the fourteenth day of his departure, however, a note was brought to her hand by her, directed in the well known, but unusually irregular writing of Major Clifton. Oh, joy! He was living then, and even well enough to write. With a fervent ejaculation of thanksgiving she broke the seal. But her face paled as she read—

"Os Board the British Sloop Albion, } August 23d, 1811.

"Catherine—Are you then destined to be human creatures that is faithful to me? Have you then a heart that can feel and love? Do I indeed behold a spirit that, faithful unto love to a fallen a death? Attend, woman! to what I am about to write. I am dangerously wounded, as the newspapers reported, but slightly hurt, and taken prisoner and conveyed on board this, the Admiral's ship—as they did not report. I am a prisoner, your fellow, whom you sent on this death's errand, but finding me in his Australian clothes, he supposed that I was a prisoner on board the British fleet, true to your command, he left me to my wounds and my reckless of his own danger, procured a boat of Bedouin Arabs, and slungshot this night. You now know the result, as well as I can inform you. The vessel in which you had put in from as a spy, and has been detained by the Admiral's orders for examination. My own inconvenience in detaining me is great indeed, but, nevertheless, I may as well inform you that I, who was your messenger, your messenger ought to communication with me, have also to thank you for your kindness in having me under arrest, and nothing but the relaxation of strict rule in the prison, enabled me to write you this. The commander, and a most courteous, affords me the opportunity of writing to you by this note. Admiral Cockburn and General Ross are now in the city, the capital of the State. I am not subject to writing to you in secrecy; that is a matter on by all hopes of salvation, that unless you, as you solemnly acknowledged, did not send me to Admiral Cockburn."

ARCHER CLIFTON."

Still clasping the letter, her hand and head fell with a gesture of despair upon a chair.

"Why, what's the matter, Miss Kate, honey? no bad news, I hope," said Aunt Chloe, entering.

A deep heart-breaking sob only answered her.

"My goodness, Miss Kate, deary, what is it don't in master dead? Oh, deary me, Miss Kate, chile, don't keep on looking dat a way—'Oooh, you make me feel so bad, chile! 'Nober how it's de Lord's will, honey, an' let us trust some one, and not murmur, chile! Honey, 'Dond, troubles like de measure, if it don't break out, it strikes in an' kills you dead."

A gasp from Catherine, and a gesture, imploring silence, were the only answer she brought with both hands, and tried to think clearly.

"My gracious, Miss Kate, don't look so ghastly, honey, you frighten me. Is you sick enough?"

"He's not dead, he's not dead," said Catherine, huskily, while she waved her hand for peace.

"Well, den, honey, long as de's life don't hope an' no 'casion for 'spair. Is he berry bad, honey?"

"He's well—well," said Catherine, in the same tone.

"Well, den, long as he's well, what 'casion you take on so, honey—Oh! my Lor'—taint taint poor brother Jack so nothing's happened to it!"

"Oh, Heaven! Your master and Jack have both been taken prisoners by Admiral Cockburn!"

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"Henry, that is all a notion."

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"Go, honey, go, Miss Kate, where—"

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The maid obeyed, and her mistress rang the bell, and gave the note she had written to a boy, to carry to Hatchlands.

As he left the room, Henry entered it with the riding-dress.

"Help me on with it at once, Henry," said Catherine, mounting her.

"Mr. Catherine, Miss Kate! you to be gone out this time o' night, an' we-dem in so much trouble. Miss Kate, you no 'tend to leave me, nor to wait on you, but Jerome, he's gittin' ready."

"No, no, I don't want anybody."

"Dear me, mist'ess, honey, where's you gwine?"

"Didn't I tell you? To Washington City."

"To Washington?" exclaimed Henry, letting the skirt of her dress fall from his hands, and looking up in utmost.

"Yes, yes, didn't I tell you—to Washington, to see Admiral Cockburn, and save your brother. I do not believe of Cockburn—I never believed that story—it was reported of them, and I think if Lig and make a proper representation to him, he shall be able to save Jack."

Henry stood gazing at her mistress in the same stupor.

"Come, come, Henry! give me the other sleeve around here," said Catherine, impatiently.

Still Henry stood and stared in a stupor, until suddenly all her muscles and limbs gave way, and she sank down before her mistress, and bowed her knees, looked up into her face, and with clasped hands, implored her entreaties.

"Don't go, mist'ess, don't go—don't trust your l'ong to Admiralle Cockburn an' he wicked men 'round him."

"I must, Henry."

"Oh, no, no, Mass'ter what happened at Ramon Henry, an' Hamilton, how day spoke an' signed to Mass'ter Archy, an' how he was a prisoner on board the British fleet, true to your command, to your own messenger, and reckless of his own danger, procured a boat of Bedouin Arabs, and slungshot this night. You now know the result, as well as I can inform you. The vessel in which you had put in from as a spy, and has been detained by the Admiral's orders for examination. My own inconvenience in detaining me is great indeed, nevertheless, I may as well inform you that I, who was your messenger, your messenger ought to communication with me, have also to thank you for your kindness in having me under arrest, and nothing but the relaxation of strict rule in the prison, enabled me to write you this. The commander, and a most courteous, affords me the opportunity of writing to you by this note. Admiral Cockburn and General Ross are now in the city, the capital of the State. I am not subject to writing to you in secrecy; that is a matter on by all hopes of salvation, that unless you, as you solemnly acknowledged, did not send me to Admiral Cockburn."

"Oh, Miss Kate! I know you 'spect. Don't talk so an' long, honey, though every word you say but faint for resolution to go."

"Henry, I tell you I must go. Are you going for the pony, or shall I?"

"There, give me my hat, Henry."

"Oh, deary me, what's you gwine for to take long o' 'em, to wait on you, chile?"

"Henry, will you go for my pony?"

"I told you so one, Henry—where are my gloves?"

"Here dey is, honey. Oh, mist'ess, don't—don't—don't, mist'ess!" half sobs. "Take Jeemes long o' you! He's brave as a lion—honest to goodness."

"No, James would need rest and food on the road, Henry. I shall not take him. Go for the pony—I must go myself."

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"Mr. Catherine, Miss Kate! you to be gone out this time o' night, an' we-dem in so much trouble. Miss Kate, you no 'tend to leave me, nor to wait on you, but Jerome, he's gittin' ready."

"No, no, I don't want anybody."

"Dear me, mist'ess, honey, where's you gwine?"

"Didn't I tell you? To Washington City."

"To Washington?" exclaimed Henry, letting the skirt of her dress fall from his hands, and looking up in utmost.

"Yes, yes, didn't I tell you—to Washington, to see Admiral Cockburn, and save your brother. I do not believe of Cockburn—I never believed that story—it was reported of them, and I think if Lig and make a proper representation to him, he shall be able to save Jack."

Henry stood gazing at her mistress in the same stupor.

"Come, come, Henry! give me the other sleeve around here," said Catherine, impatiently.

Still Henry stood and stared in a stupor, until suddenly all her muscles and limbs gave way, and she sank down before her mistress, and bowed her knees, looked up into her face, and with clasped hands, implored her entreaties.

"Don't go, mist'ess, don't go—don't trust your l'ong to Admiralle Cockburn an' he wicked men 'round him."

"I must, Henry."

"Oh, no, no, Mass'ter what happened at Ramon Henry, an' Hamilton, how day spoke an' signed to Mass'ter Archy, an' how he was a prisoner on board the British fleet, true to your command, to your own messenger, and reckless of his own danger, procured a boat of Bedouin Arabs, and slungshot this night. You now know the result, as well as I can inform you. The vessel in which you had put in from as a spy, and has been detained by the Admiral's orders for examination. My own inconvenience in detaining me is great indeed, nevertheless, I may as well inform you that I, who was your messenger, your messenger ought to communication with me, have also to thank you for your kindness in having me under arrest, and nothing but the relaxation of strict rule in the prison, enabled me to write you this. The commander, and a most courteous, affords me the opportunity of writing to you by this note. Admiral Cockburn and General Ross are now in the city, the capital of the State. I am not subject to writing to you in secrecy; that is a matter on by all hopes of salvation, that unless you, as you solemnly acknowledged, did not send me to Admiral Cockburn."

"Oh, Miss Kate! I know you 'spect. Don't talk so an' long, though every word you say but faint for resolution to go."

"Henry, I tell you I must go. Are you going for the pony, or shall I?"

"There, give me my hat, Henry."

"Oh, deary me, what's you gwine for to take long o' 'em, to wait on you, chile?"

"Henry, will you go for my pony?"

"I told you so one, Henry—where are my gloves?"

"Here dey is, honey. Oh, mist'ess, don't—don't—don't, mist'ess!" half sobs. "Take Jeemes long o' you! He's brave as a lion—honest to goodness."

"No, James would need rest and food on the road, Henry. I shall not take him. Go for the pony—I must go myself."

"Oh, Miss Kate, honey, long as de's life don't hope an' no 'casion for 'spair. Is he berry bad, honey?"

"He's well—well," said Catherine, in the same tone.

"Well, den, long as he's well, what 'casion you take on so, honey—Oh! my Lor'—taint taint poor brother Jack so nothing's happened to it!"

"Oh, Heaven! Your master and Jack have both been taken prisoners by Admiral Cockburn!"

"Oh, Miss Kate! Oh, my Lor'. Miss Kate! An' dey do tell me how he ole his prisoners 'less," exclaimed Henry, falling down into a chair, flinging her clinch apron over her head, and beginning to cry.

Almost heedless of her hard master's rudest demonstrations of grief and horror, Catherine walked up and down the floor, with her hands clasped spread her temples, in the very agony of thought. To save the boy from death—for she, at that remote distance, to save him!

Our Picture Gallery.

THE MORMON TEMPLE AT NAUVOO.

The scene is a faithful representation of the original fortune Temple at Nauvoo, burnt

Bester p in and let the old woman put you to bed. You're in a desperate fever."

"It is so 'tis very stiff and weary—having ridden at night. But I must reach Washington and—delay, there is one I care about under science of death. If I reach there in time, I will be the cause of his safety. I must go to-day."

Catherine spoke this fervently and firmly, as if her resolution were unalterable.

"Son of her 'latious gone to be hung, an' she gwin to see President Madison to get him off. He mighty 'shun! It is matter to be laborer t' another.

"Can—can let me have a horse to take me there to-day. I will pay twice—ten times his value," said Catherine, raising her heavy eyelids to old farmer's kind face.

"Lad. I'll let you have another horse in two hours than this, on condition that you go in to my old woman and take some refreshment, and lie down to rest for that time. And not a minute more," said the only other farmer present, "even if it was your father who was going to be hung. Why, I'll be you haven't been because I'm very clearly that, unless you take some one you will drop down dead before you reach the city. Come, neighbor."

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Her path, for many miles, lay through the deep, lonely, monotonous wilderness of forest, that, rising and falling with the low mountain ranges, extended over more than half the county. Her only fear was that in the dense dark mass of the trees often so low and interlaced, that a single tree of the forest, or a single mountain's hesitation to bow her head, might have dashed her brains out against the intersecting branches of the trees. But she had a fearless heart and a firm sight, and in the despairing absence of her powers of reflection, this danger was not a very great restant. But she rode on, like a monomaniac. Intensely fearless, and like a monomaniac, strangely possessed. As night deepened, and lowered, and thickened around her in the awful depths of the forest, and the wind howled like the hungry wolf, the more cozy of the forest dens, and the more fearful wind-sighing, all the horrors were shut and dark, and the only light left, before the lonely traveler, was the glare of the stage and post office.

She passed like a meteor through the gloomy forest, and like a meteor through the dark town that!" from a loiterer in the stage-office, who heard the hurried flight, and emerged again upon an open plain, over which her road lay for many miles. Another village gleamed up from the Long ere day. But—no! it was only a light in the hand with the same lightning-like speed.

Still she rode on, and on, in spite of danger and fatigue than the lonely little mountain pony that was carrying her light weight, but strong energy, more and more nearly like itself. The night was deeply dark—the clouds thick, and the wind rising, but still she rode on, without pitying time or distance, but turns, forests and fields continued to loom, appear and vanish as she passed them by, and she rushed into the East with fourfold anxiety for day. But still mountain, and forest, and fields continued to loom, appear and vanish as she passed them by, and still deep darkness hung like a pall over heaven and earth. But at length the signs of life, of human life, village or town in turn was seen and reached, and left behind, and still a wall of dense blackness hemmed up the Orient.

A new and very serious danger threatened her now. Her exhaustion was visible and her ability to death, was ready to fail, and she did not dare to stop. Her mind seemed to be enlightened and recovered herself many times, and she did not dare to stop. Her mind seemed to be enlightened every series and sinew to hold him up, and keep him on his feet, while totally unconscious of her self, he lashed with the whip and spurred on.

At length the dusky forest again riding for life, and the veins in her arms were swelled out like cords, with straining to hold the horse up on his feet. She could no longer be lightened, and slackened her pace, but it was growing lighter, and she could distinguish objects in the distance, far and near, and on, and on, at length came out of the forest in time to see the broad rays of the rising sun gilding the dome of the Capitol. She was down of a farm-house flashing back the early light gleamed upon her window, and she was time her horse reeled and fell at her feet. "Oh, my Lord!" "Are you hurt?" "Run here, Tim," "Run here, Jack!" "Run here, Jim!" "Run here, lads! I can you tell us!"

Catherine was at her self of a dream, so many people around her all asking questions, and all attempting to extricate her from her horse and her self. She gazed bewildered at her, as was her need when trying to dispel thought, and looked at the face of the speaker.

"My Lord, I'm afraid she's very much hurt. Can you speak, lady? Where is your injury?" said the eldest man of the party, kindly feeling her in his arms.

"No, no hurt. But—but the least in the horse!"

"We don't know, ma'am, I'm sure it's a blessed thing your not killed yourself," said another of the group, who, with several more, were trying to raise the horse to his feet.

"Pray put me down upon my feet. Thank you—no hurt. How far is Washington City from this place?" and Catherine, as she stood watching her horse.

"Good forty miles, lady. I don't think he's hurt, but poor fellow, he's trembling with fatigue, and the farmer, measuring her, and then examining the horse, which was raised at last and stood trembling and blowing.

"Can I take me to Washington to-day?" asked Catherine, as she leaned against the horse for support.

"Ha—ha, ha, ha, ha! Why look at him, lady! Besides, can go there yourself anyhow? Why you're ready to drop now!

Now, dere's a suit in de house, you calls to min', an' 'll jist 'fit you. Sent up hended to Miss Georgy, when she were a nasgurnode-playactiestic' here will ris sly folks, here one Christmas. Dey'll fit you to a tee."

"No, thank you, Henry!"

"You ain't mad 'long o' me for sayin' of it, is you, Miss Kate?"

"Ha! I've got it! No, Henry."

"Nor likewise 'nspeed in yer feelin's?"

"No, no, you did but mistake," answered Catherine, getting into her saddle, while James held the pony, and Henry affectionately arranged the riding skirt around her and handed her the whip.

"There, there, that will do; good-bye, all of you," said Catherine, hurriedly.

Henry burst into loud wailing. Catherine paused and laid her hand upon her shoulder, silencing her, while she said,

"My poor girl, do not fear. I have committed myself to the Lord! I am in His hands. I trust in Him, else I should not dare do this which seems to you so much like madness. I trust in Him, and no evil can befall me."

"But oh! mist'ess, mist'ess!" If you should arter all perish?"

"If I perish, if certain—it will be no evil if the Lord permits it!"

"I doesn't b'lieve de Lord am gwine for to 'suit it. Sech safe 'bout young mist'ess, I does! I b'lieve how of Admiralle Cockburn or any of his Jubilists was to come for to starve Mist'ess, treatin' in Hebben as she does, how a thunderbolt would strike him down anner, an' she so puts her trust in de Lord, should come to say harm."

"Oh, my dear, faithful, dear nurse!" exclaimed the more ardent Henry. "I ain't heard for you no longer, mist'ess, dear! Hallelujah! Amen!"

Catherine waved her hand in adieu, gave rein to her gentle, well-bred horse, and started, and seemed to fly over the lane. She was fervored, excited—and inspired," my either. Night was closing darkly around her. But he sedative shadows had no power to soothe her excited nerves—the dress were falling, but they had no efficacy to cool her fevered veins; a long journey lay before her, but its length could not daunt her courage; dangers were thickly strewn about her path, but they could not appall her; her only desire, her only aspiration, was to reach her destination in season, if possible, to rescue this boy from death, because he was dear to Clifton—dearer than all the world but his rife, was she now thought: and now her life itself seemed little worth, since the hope that was life worthily end, was laid low. Her only remaining hope was to save this life—her only remaining love to lay it down.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. E. B. What you justly object to, unless a few a personal or moral character. We do not intend to decide which. It is a delicate subject, however, and "the wise and the modest smile."

OUR NOVELETS.

Owing to the length of Mrs. Southworth's captivating novelet—which is much longer than she originally designed or we expected—we shall not be able to commence Mr. Reynolds's novelet.

CLARA MORELAND,

before the first week in January. This also will push Mrs. Lee Hentz's novelet of

MISS THUSA'S SPINNING WHEEL

a month or so forward in the new year. We hope to be able to begin it—although Mr. Reynolds's novelet will not, probably, be finished at that time—by about the first or second week in February. We shall probably be forced to run them together for a while, as we did last spring with "The Discarded Daughter" and "Edifice."

As we send our Prospectus this week, to make room for the long one of President Fillmore's, we may state, for the benefit of strangers who choose to see this number of the Post, that, after the exportation of the above novelets we shall publish a story called

A STRAY PATCH FROM AUNT HANNAH'S QUILT.

by Mrs. Frances D. Gage, well known to Western readers as the author of certain interesting household sketches, &c. And to-day that by another story from Mrs. Southworth, to be called

THE LOST HEIRESS;
A STORY OF ROWLEY HALL.

Of course, the usual Miscellany of the paper in the shape of selected stories, sketches, new essays, from the English magazines, general and political news, &c. shall not be neglected.

THE CRIME OF CUPIDS.—Mrs. Southworth writes us that another number, she thinks, will conclude the interesting novelet. We hardly see how it can be finished under two numbers, but she ought to know best. Neither Mrs. S. or ourselves had any idea when we began, that it would run to such a length—for we had expressly stipulated for one about half to four. Had that proved to be false estimate, we should have been worried greatly, after what we had said to our readers. Judging from our letters however, that are well satisfied with it, taking it all in all. We find that few can leave the book in a single number with any great degree of philosophical calmness.

THE MESSAGE.

For the benefit of readers of "the basic plan of song" order, we give, as usual, a summary of the information which our great Nation Fillmore has communicated to the heads of all the Hosts—one to both houses of Congress—as to how, after the smoking of the Calumet of Peace by the various chiefs—all looking grim—set at smoking together, one party for having completely outwitted his opponents, and the other for having been as well and completely beaten, the Message was handed in, and read aloud (without silence—as was the case, of course, only broken by the occasional purring of loud artillery upon the floor, from the fortunate tips of the Senators and South Western clubfeet.

The Grand Talk begun with the usual general thanks to the Great Spirit, that He had crowned the labors of the husbandman with an abundant harvest, and stayed the ravages of pestilence.

The death of Daniel Webster is briefly but sympathizingly alluded to.

The Fishery Dispute will our esteemed Uncle Sam, it hopes) be in a way of satisfactory settlement. Bail is rather greedy in insisting to catch all the fish in the ocean—a thing which it is his nature. We have been very kind to Bull in allowing him to overwhelm the whole trade in fish of our waters, by reducing the duty—and it is to be hoped that Bull will soon perceive. Bull writes that the Fisheries, and the question of Commercial Intercourse with the British Provinces, should be considered closely; but Brother Fillmore thinks it best not to rush this to stand on its own bottom. Of course, he does not make that very phrase, the appropriateness of it probably not occurring to him. It amounts to the same thing, I guess.

As to Cuba, the Captain General is clothed with no power to treat with foreign governments, and all our communications thereto must be made with Spain—except so far as courtesy prescribes the General to hold friendly relations with us. Serious Filmore says:

Anxious to put an end to the existing unfortunate state of affairs, I directed the newly-appointed Minister to Mexico to visit Havana on his way to Vera Cruz. He was respectfully received by the Captain General, who communicated to him (both on the recent occurrences; but no permanent arrangement was effected.

In the meantime, the refusal of the Captain General to allow passengers and the mail to be landed in certain cases for a reason which from motives of humanity this Government could not even a good pretext for the refusal for such a prohibition, has been made the occasion of the most remonstrance at Madrid; and I have no reason to doubt that due respect will be paid to the Government of Her Catholic Majesty to the representations which our Minister has been instructed to make on the subject.

It is but justice to the Captain General to add, that the conduct for which he was thus reproposed to carry the mails of the United States to Havana has, with one exception since observed, been marked with kindness and liberality, and indicates no personal hostility or feeling with the commercial correspondence and intercourse between the two countries.

Early in the present year official notice was received from the Ministers of France and England, inviting the Government of the United States to become a party with Great Britain and France in a tripartite Convention, by which the three powers should severally and collectively disclaim, now and for the future, all intention to obtain possession of the Island of Cuba, and should bind themselves to discountenance all attempts to that effect on the part of any power or individual whatever. This invitation has been unreservedly declined, for reasons which it would occupy too much space in the communication to state in detail, but which will be found fully set forth in the correspondence of my predecessor, carried by him

[illegible] tion of France and England to be assured that the United States entertain no designs against Cuba, but that, on the contrary, it should regard its incorporation into the Union at the present time as fraught with serious peril.

Were this island comparatively destitute of inhabitants, or occupied by a friendly race, I should regard, if voluntarily ceded by Spain, as a most desirable acquisition. But, under existing circumstances, I should look upon its incorporation into our Union as a mere annexation of military power to the Republic. It would bring into the Confederation a population of different origin, speaking a different language, and still likely to last—with the existing causes—for years, perhaps indefinitely, as a prejudicial manner the tranquillity of the Union. It would bring into existing those conflicts of opinion between the different sections of the country, which have already been productive of so much excitement.

We have thought it well to quote the above, relative to Cuba, at length—as it is important, and of interest to all our readers—ladies included.

The difficulty with Mexico relative to the Tehuantepec treaty, is briefly alluded to. Sachem Fillmore hopes it will be "amicably adjusted."

It is also hoped that the everlasting Nicaragua and Mosquito difficulty will be settled ere the end of these days, through a spirit of conciliation and reasonableness.

Recent movements in South America are operating to the trade of the world the great interests of the United States. Let it, by justice and wit.

The Goose Bangle is alluded to briefly—as it should be. The least said about it the better.

As to the Japan Expedition, we have the following agreeable information—proving that Sachem Fillmore is not the man to allow a denounce Filibustering towards Cuba, while playing for Filibuster on a national scale to the South Seas:

I have accordingly been led to order an appropriation to defray the expenses of the same, and of a discreet and intelligent officer of the highest rank, to the seat of the Japanese Empire, instructed to endeavor to obtain from the Government of that country more extensive rights for the friendly and well-disposed people of the United States than those now enjoyed by the small and jealously limited, and that the expedition is intended to be the harbinger of the dawn of a more enlightened and liberal policy on the part of the Government of Japan.

The reciprocal visits of the naval officers of the United States amount to 63,729,396 dollars—the total imports of the industry in Mexico, under the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, leaving a balance of $14,662,816 72 in favor of the former the first day of July last. Since this latter period, further purchases of the principal of the public debt have been made to the extent of one million four hundred and fifty-six thousand five hundred and fifty-six thousand five hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents, ($1,456,562 50,) and the surplus in the Treasury will continue to be applied to that object, whenever such can be procured on terms within the limits set to price, authorized by law.

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The whole amount now paid, instead under head of interest, will be applied to the principal, and hence the interest will be reduced to $2,737,222 annually. The sales of bonds during the last month have been very large, and the applications for the advance negotiations at Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati, and Chicago.

For the quarter ending 30th September, 1853, there were issued:

Loaned with bounty land warrants	$1,362,150 00
Loaned with other certificates and scrip	15,000 00
Reported under treasury late proposals	1,000,000 00
Total	$2,377,150 00

The aggregate for the year is

	$4,179,203

Much the larger portion of the balance of aggregate and classifying the return of the net census has been completed. It will be laid before Congress in make the necessary provision for the publication. I am not aware that any other subject requires my present attention. The report of the Secretary of War, on the basis of the new census, has been made by the Secretary of the Interior in conformity with the provisions of law relating to the subject, and the several estimates have been submitted in accordance with it.

I am induced to your favorable regard the suggestions contained in the report of the Secretary of the Interior, that provision be made by law for the publication of the records of the battles of the Revolutionary period of all the persons which they bore, and of the movements and marches of the several regiments and detachments. With such descriptions and illustrations of the battle-fields as may be furnished by the surveys of the coast and other explorations, the publication would enable the descendants of those who were engaged in the struggle for our national independence to trace the routes of their ancestors and perpetuate the memory of their patriotism and valor. The cost of such publication could easily be defrayed by the sale of a portion of the work, and the residue could be applied to the object more acceptable to the public than the preservation of the memorials of the Revolution.

An appropriation of $100,000 hereby been made for the commencement of the construction of a fireproof building for the safe-keeping of the records of the Auditor for the States of the Interior, Navy, and the Post-Office Department, and the progress which the proper measures have long adopted to carry the intended purpose into effect.

The letters from the Marcian Bonaparte, Count de Survilliers, and Mr. Bonaparte, Count de Lipona, and resident of the United States, have been referred to the Department of State, and the correspondence will be laid before you. The application of Mr. Bonaparte to be restored to the privileges of a citizen of the United States, and to be allowed to return to this country, cannot be favorably considered by the Executive, and I do not recommend that it be granted by Congress.

My attention was drawn to the subject by a report from the Department of the Interior, which was referred to that of State, and which I have had under my decision the question whether, under existing circumstances, the right of the Count de Survilliers could be lawfully used or suspended for the better protection of the public lands in the vicinity of the mines of the exhausted veins, to locate the lands in Mexico, under the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and the act of Congress of July 22, 1854, further performance of their respective obligations have been completed, and by the conclusion of operations on the Rio Grande, the duties of the Mexican Boundary Commissioner and surveyor to make no further requisitions on the treasury will have been fully performed. The balance of the sum appropriated by the act of 1853 (the 3d of March, 1853), and the various acts of 1854 (the 30th of June, 1854, and the 3d of March, 1854

Selected Poetry.

I LOVE THEE.

BY L. VIRGINIA SMITH.

I love thee, Lide, when Spring awaken
The fairy-peopled flowers,
And early sunshine softly breaks
On emerald-coated bowers,
When echoes through the green meadow
The zephyr's viewless flight,
And in the morning wind, the lark
Tunes his aerial note.

I love thee, for our playmates then
Are bird, and lamb, and bee,
Yet Spring, when then art far away,
Has nought of joy for me.

I love thee, Lide, when Summer time
O'er the blue ocean smiles,
And fling her royal banner forth
Upon his thousand isles.
When from the sun the fountain's spray
A rosy flush receives,
And the sweet fragrant wind amain
Tis kiss the whispering leaves.

When white-winged pleasure-boats wander up
The search for and fine.
I love thee, and if then art gone
They have no charms for me.

I love thee, Lide, when Autumn wild,
With many a gorgeous hue,
Is painting beauty on the wood,
And on the mountain blue;
When Indian Summer's mellow haze
O'er all the valley lies,
And clouds above the blue are spread
A splendor from the skies.
I love thee in these dreamy days;
Yet, where I do not see
Thy rosy lips and azure eyes,
They have no sight for me.

I love thee, Lide, when Winter's chain
Is on the streamlet's flow,
And round the casement drearily
The warning night-winds moan;
For then, beside the glowing hearth,
Thy cheek is paler and more fair,
As bending over some pleasant book
Our head-brows curls' raven shine there, and the wandering glow
On gowns of laughing glee,
As dull of those we cannot love,
They have no spells for me.

I love thee ever, and my heart
And do my every dream;
Not wake to thee, its better part,
For all my light is thine.
In joy and sadness we all are thine,
If ever thine be given,
That sunbeam's glory—beaming earth
With tints of holy Heaven!
Then oh! where death steals over us, may
It take me thus with thee!
For life, where thou hast left it, love,
Will scarce be prized by me!

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Pictures of Life.

WOMEN IN THE COUNTRY.

FROM MR. TROUP'S ADDRESS.

Look, for a moment, at the condition of a majority of the wives of respectable farmers, especially of men of all other classes in your own county. What are the duties, which, by general consent, devolve upon them?

What do you, sir, and you, expect of the lady who presides over your household? Did you ever consider for a moment, how many and various and constant are her cares and trials?

You are, perhaps, an amateur farmer; you have, like a true and shrewd Yankee, built a large and elegant house—and so much because you need it, as because your neighbors live in fine houses. And, besides, you are a principal man in the world, and have been Representative to the Legislature, and are *liable* to go to Congress, or be President of the United States. There is no knowing what may not befall you, and it is well to keep up appearances in the world, and be ready for any honors that may be thrust upon you.

You have a large family of children, and they are all to be educated, and of course have no time to work. Your boys must be fitted for college, and your girls must be taught music, and French, and drawing, besides the common branches of learning. Your wife expected to see their your elegant house and furniture so kept in order—that the shadows are kept neat and orderly, at all times. You have a fancy for Devon and Ayrshire and Short-horn cows, and perhaps exhibit them at the Annual Fair, and your wife now takes interest enough in your affairs to look well to the dairy.

You have a great propensity to clear up strange, and build stone walls, and improve your farm, and your kitchen is filled with *dead men*, and nobody but your wife knows what to get for breakfast, dinner or supper, for the use of the family.

Then you are a generous, hospitable sort of fellow, and often invite your friends from other towns, whom you happen to meet, home to dine, and your wife is relied on to do the thing up handsomely, for the credit of the establishment, and, although the three youngest children have just had the whooping cough, and have kept her awake half the nights for the last month, the amiable lady is expected to appear at the table dressed like the wife of a gentleman, as hand as a moonbeam, and glad the agreeable to your guests, with the same maternal grace, as if she had passed the whole morning over her books and music.

You expect to see your breakfast upon the table punctually at the hour, and the children washed and neatly dressed in their places, at the table. You expect the same table four times monthly full, and the food properly cooked and served up. You expect the good lady to be ready and at home, at all times, morning and evening, to receive calls of friendship or ceremony, and especially those of your own choice.

You expect to find your wardrobe always in perfect order, with no button or loop or string to mend. If a child in there is unduly hot and the mother in search over it by night or by day, and the dispersing, nerve-shaking, anxious and exhausting offices due from a mother to her infant, can be delegated to no other.

In short, sir, you expect your wife to be at the same time cook and chambermaid, lady and nursing girl, sempstress and governess, parlor-boarder and dairy-maid.

At length you see, with a sad heart, that her eye is losing its lustre—that her form is becoming daily more frail—that the elasticity of her spirits is gone, and at last the thought, the evening, crushing thought is forced upon you, that she, whose youthful image, radiant with health and happiness, has never passed from your bosom—she, whose last remained to you true and devoted, through sickness and health, in study and prosperity—she, the mother of your children, who has long been almost your only and dearest household, like a good angel, doing all kind offices for you and your loved ones—she who knows more than all the world besides—*she dies.*

And now, perhaps, no effort is made to relieve her, and changes are effected in the household arrangements—and hour-keepers and servants are procured; the daughters are called on to act and in the domestic affairs, and the grand witness of your domestic misery suspended, and no romance is united. But it is all in vain. The heavy flood is on her cheek, and sorrow and hopeless feelings sadden every hour.

For a time, almost like a pure spirit from the realms of bliss, the ghost flits about from room to room, still watchful for the comfort of others, and forgetful of self.

But, I will not attempt to fill up the picture, and trace the airy decay of strength and beauty and life by slow consumption. At length *she is dead or no Heaven.*

Have I exaggerated the trials of a New England wife? I wish it were true that no one of us could call to mind an original, from which my picture might have been drawn! I wish it were true no one of us were conscious of past thoughtlessness or unkindness to the dead, for which no undue portion of life's burdens have been cast upon the sex least able to bear them.

WASHING DAY.

Washing day in a day in the calendar to be remembered—a day when women resign to greater sway in home matters than one—a day which furnishes to visitors the *cold collar* and a *peeled eye* dinner—a day when every woman claims as part of her prerogative, to wear her hair in papers and scold, and every child has a two weeks' vote the mahlet." If she feels in the humor,—a day when the good man of the house is brought daily to appreciate the value of clean, to feel that his is but a grassless paper in the night of any woman, armed with a mop or watergall.

And this sexed and justly-celebrated day comprises one-seventh of a week! Is it, and to the that has reached his *grand climacteric*, has lived through some whole years of washing days—a consideration so terrible to the young housekeeper, as it is consolatory to those in old age, who believe that the trials of the world are to be deducted from the discipline of the soul.

From the importance of this subject, lovers-ing, as it does, one-seventh of all our earthly happiness, one would suppose that philosophers and statesmen, laying aside their other schemes for the amelioration of man's condition, would have devoted themselves exclusively to the abolition or mitigation of washing days.

"But the world has gone on," as Dickens has remarked, "and revolved round the sun, and turned on its own axis, and had lunar inventions, and various powers of that sort," and washing days have come and gone, and the human rule has rather increased than decreased in numbers, and men have settled down upon the idea, that the trials of that dreadful day, like the existence of the earth, are to be reckoned among the inscrutable dispensations of Providence, to be patiently endured, with such courage as we can put on for the occasion.

To be sure, like old father Adam, in the garden, men are prone to charge this evil, like all others, upon the weaker vessel, and regard it as a needful of housekeeping—*wood and water.*

Your wood-factory, it is not vouchsafed to your *kitchen.* Your wife is obliged to go out of doors in Summer and Winter, to reach it—perhaps to go down a flight of steps, and bring her wood up. Often she finds no dry fuel of reliable kind cut and split for use, and you would be ashamed to have it known, how many times she has taken the axe in her own hands to make up for your negligence.

And then the water—we have all seen it again and again, and the courage it must require in having a cistern of soft water, with a pump in your wash-room, or an aqueduct leading into your house, in pipes, and your after year, depending on a well of hard water, *too rock soil*, with a pump that makes hard to the East, and a sweep loaded with old *cast iron*, at one end, and a *crooked pole* and leaky bucket at the other, and the poor wife and the whole young shoot blooming from her home, and vowed to love and cherish, about there, day after day, and year after year, and draws water for her household!

And, again, what sort of a *weak-knifer* does she use! In nicely set in brick-work, in a convenient place for use, or does she hang a tidy kettle on a crane, half the length of the house from the kitchen-fire, or on an iron post of a better, compelled to use a half-dried fit boiler on the cook stove in dog-days?

And where is the *flour* to make? Have you provided, in some sunny spot, sheltered from the winds, one of the rude buildings usually introduced, on which the whole wash may be hung by a woman, in a few moments, without moving her basket, or have you left everything to chance, allowing the line may be hung in a wet, stretched, without being slackened by the weather?

No such thing, sir. In the first place, the line is not half long enough, and you never have returned the piece you borrowed to tie up your fruit trees, and your wife never paid any attention to the oft-repeated, quiet suggestion, that things were not exactly convenient for drying the clothes, and so the females of your household, after working in a hot room over the water, half the day, must *haul* them to dry their clothes as best they can. And we all know how it is done, for we see it every Monday of our lives.

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Selected Articles.

SUGAR AND SALT.

FROM LARDNER'S "FAMILIAR SCIENCE."

Whatever is indispensable, or, what is nearly so, God carefully multiplies, so that it is found everywhere within the reach of His wondering creatures.

Thus He has done for sugar and for salt—two substances eminently necessary for man's sustenance, and destined to answer all his wants. He has placed sugar in all fruits, in all grains, and in all stalks. He has given much of the juicy acrid cane to pour it out from their long joints, by merely squeezing, so that wax might need only to stoop in order to take it. He has compound with it delicious food and restorative drinks. He has willed that this precious provision should be for the people of the burning zones what wine has been for those of temperate zones, a means of connection and of exchange with the other countries of the globe.

Then would sugar now be in the most common and the cheapest of aliments, had not the civilized nations, blinded by commercial prejudices, removed over ten times the space necessary for sugar-cane, which can grow as well as hard in the East, and is nevertheless, in a century after to plant trees along their streets for shade.—*Translator.*]

These trees deserve intelligent care, for the basis of which he has founded, in his necessity to destroy, and the advantage it derives from it. The march of the settler is announced by the demolition of large tracts of country, trunks of noble trees, felled in their prime, and wantonly consumed over ten times the space necessary for himself, while the poor man, bent upon paid pay allowance, begin a century after to plant trees

It is deposited in beds by the waves of the sea, so that the fisherman has always at hand the means of preserving the product of his fisheries, and of sending it to a distance. In spite of continents, salt obtrudes at the surface of the earth, and labor-saltless masses of it are enclosed in the bowels of the earth.

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For the Young.

CARBURETTED HYDROGEN.

Q. What is much gas or *fire-damp*?

A. *Carburetted hydrogen gas* accumulated in mines, which explodes when mixed with air in a frequently called "inflammable air."

Q. What is *carburetted hydrogen gas*?

A. Carbon combined with *hydrogen*.

Q. What is *carburetted hydrogen gas* be prepared on materials?

A. By *steeping the mud* at the bottom of stagnant pools, in a bucket, and collecting the air escapes upwards in an inverted glass vessel.

Q. What is *coal gas*?

A. *Carburetted hydrogen* extracted from coals by the heat of fire.

Q. Why is *carburetted hydrogen gas* called *inflammable air*?

A. Because it very readily *catches fire* and explodes, when brought in contact with *fire*.

Q. Are *flame* atmospheres to be present?

A. Because *carburetted hydrogen* gas frequently called *inflammable*?

A. Because it is generated in *meadows and marshes*, and in the neighborhood of stagnant pools.

Q. What gas is evolved by the *mud* of a *burning coals*?

A. *Carburetted hydrogen gas*. The series and hydrogen of the tables contains into a gas from the *Red Sea*, with regard to *olefiant gas*, and *carburetted hydrogen* or inflammable air.

Q. Why do *carburetted hydrogen explode*?

A. Because the *carburetted hydrogen gas* which is generated in these mines by the *fire-damp*, is mixed with a large quantity of atmospheric air.

Q. How can miners see in the coal-pits if they never introduce a *light*?

A. Sir Humphrey Davy invented a lamp for the use of miners, called the *Safety Lamp*,' which may be used without danger.

Q. Why is the *Safety Lamp* safe?

A. A very ingenious chemist born in Cornwall, 1778, and died in 1829.

Q. What kind of thing is the *safety lamp*?

A. A kind of *lantern*, covered with a fine gauze of wire, called *wire gauze*.

Q. How does this fine *gauze* wire prevent an explosion in the coal mine?

A. The *wire gauze* allows of the lamp from communicating with the inflammable gas of the mine.

Q. The atmospheric of the gauze wire must not exceed one-twentieth of an inch in diameter.

Q. Why will not the *safety lamp* ever take fire when *gauze*?

A. Because the metal wire is a very rapid *conductor of heat*, and when the flame of gas burning in the lamps reaches the wire gauze, so great is the *conducted* away by the wire, that the flame is extinguished.

Q. What part of the *coal-pit* get through into gauze case the *Lantern*?

A. Tin and the inflammable gas passes, and inside the lamp burns with a pale blue flame, the miner is in danger, and should withdraw.

Q. Why is the miner in *danger* if the gas ignites and burns in the centre of the safety lamp?

A. Because the heat of the burning gas will *shut during the wire gauze*, and then the flame fiery fluid will set fire to the mine.

N. B. When the carburetted hydrogen gas issues from the *fissures* of the coal, it is frequently mixed with *carbonic acid gas*, which is destructive to animal life, and is the cause of the suffocation of which so many miners have been the victims.—*Familiar Science, edited by R. D. Paterson.*

Some years ago, all the cockatoo of the beautiful country-seat of Vaux, belonging to E. de Pourtalès-Borne, died of this pest. Formerly, when many fallow deer years kept in the royal forests, they took care to fix at a certain time, about the middle of June, all their salt rubbed together, where all the deer came to lick.

The efficacy of salt—emblem of purity and wealth—against vermin—emblem of misery and degradation, was well understood by all wild animals. Every one knows the passion of the pigeon for salt. The best means of captivating these birds is to put a little salt in a pipe-stem pasta, and persuadeless Washington Street, knock-kneed as Nemea, and quite as proud of the moment conferred on Hercules and myself, the material of the aforesaid garments to the Nemean lion, and Indefatigable because of it are enclosed in the bowels of the earth.

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Wit and Humor.

THE BASHFUL LOVER.

BY CHARLES G. EASTMAN

I better spoke to her of it on.
Though I remember. Full and Spring,
I changed my duckey and my bones
To do that thing.

But, while I sat, though I went to
Resolved to do a sure day,
My mouth ton, with my day
Lay sticking up at the gate.

For years her shadow was my light.
She must have known it all,
Although I never spoke and sighed.
And stammered in the hall.

Once, once, I remember I—The blood
Runs crimson to her cheek!
My heart had fluttering on my tongue—
'Twas all I dared to speak

She read the meaning of my flowers,
She treasured up my sighs,
"I must have her now," upon the stone.
She owned my secret eyes.

And in the silver sand she'd try
To write my name for me,
But, stupid I! with all her help,
Would never write my few.

I never spoke to her of love,
My tongue failed at the start,
And so I lived to swear I would.
And—never broke my heart.

One stormy night, one pour of gold
To-morrow I'll be free,
And I will wander day's at last
Where I may speak to—thee.

Where there is a single tree, or there are a few trees scattered over a considerable tract of fruit, the roots should be laid bare for at least six feet from the trunk, by a careful removal of the soil with a hoe or spade. The extension must then be filled in with the very best of the manure which has been previously mixed with compost in which lime and wood ashes—leached or unleached—constitute a large part. The manure, thus covered with mould, is to be left exposed to the action of the air and sun for a few weeks, when it may be returned to the roots, as the operator may see fit to direct. One thing agreed which we think too much cannot be said, is the necessity of a liberal application of manure among orchards with as little care as in any other department. We have asserted in this case that the *a benefit to the tree* that it causes them to send out more shoots, and increases the general vigor and development of the trees. Why it should do so is a question which we do not undertake to answer, but it seems as natural to suppose that the wound-ing or abscission of the lateral roots, in the case of transplanting and setting out trees, should produce injuries as in that of a young tree which is cut down to make room for the more permanent ones. The more roots in either case the better, we contend, and if orchards *are rolled*, let the roots be cut, and the soil be manured after inverting the sward contended with the grasses and roots. But before setting an orchard the ground should be thoroughly subsoiled, cultivated and manured.

Remember, if the weather is moderate, is no good a time, perhaps, as any month in the year to transplant evergreens.—*Ohio Farmer.*

Human Hobbies Natural Theifures.—The New York *Herald* says that the Orbost breed—the most renowned in Russia, especially for their fleetness—is descended from a cross from the age of one day, are harnessed to light wagons, and taught to trot. The Arabian is the fast on Orbost trotter has, perhaps, never galloped or cantered since foaled; and thus, instead of being compelled to use the gait which he finds, would still trot away from it. Hence, the Orbost trotter has never learned how to canter, but is an astonishing pacer. He will single foot, and rack, and pace, but he cannot canter. His mind prefers a sensible addition to our stock.

The Riddler.

GEOGRAPHICAL ENIGMA.

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